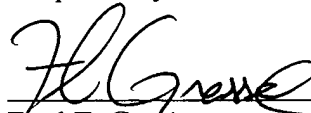


REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 16-26 are pending. Each of the claims except for claim 26 has been allowed. Claim 15 has been cancelled without disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claim 26 has been objected to as being vague and indefinite because of its reference to claim 1. Claim 26 has been amended to include the description of the catheter from claim 1 in its text. Claims 1-2, 17, and 22-25 have been amended to change the word catch to the word stop. This is being done to clarify that the feature previously designated as a catch and now a stop on the inner shaft does not need to hold or otherwise grasp the stop on the outer shaft as may have been suggested by the word catch. Substituting the word stop for the word catch is also consistent with the description of the feature in the specification. *See, e.g.*, Fig. 10 at 294. Designs for this claimed feature, like the rest of the claim language, are not limited to the embodiments provided in the specification and drawing.

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